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MONDAY ** March 5 -- Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street
Cocktails at 12 Noon ----- Luncheon at 12:30 PM SHARP
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HOW BERLIN STANDS UP TO RUSSIA

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HIS HONOR ERNST REUTER
Lord Mayor of Berlin

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Now in the U.S. on a tour sponsored by the Americans for Democratic Action, Ernst Reuter, Lord Mayor of West Berlin, selected an OPC luncheon for his only open date in New York -- next Monday. The meeting must begin promptly at 12:30 due to Dr. Reuter's crowded schedule.

Here is an opportunity to hear the veteran German statesman and exponent of cooperation with the West tell the real inside story of partitioned Berlin. Please telephone your reservations now!

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COCKTAIL PARTY

THURSDAY, March 8 ----- Clubrooms --- 1475 Broadway
5:30 to 7:30 PM ---- Admission: Members: \$1.00. Guests: \$1.50

RECEPTION TO HONOR

HOMER BIGART
War Correspondent, New York Herald Tribune

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Before this distinguished war correspondent, Pulitzer Prize winner and holder of the OPC's first George Polk Memorial Award takes off for European assignment, the Overseas Press Club extends him this recognition for his services in the field of journalism.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Who's Who Committee Meeting Clubrooms Tuesday, March 6, 16:15 PM
Public Relations Committee Meeting ... Hotel Dorset, 30 W. 54 .. Wednesday, March 7, 12:15 PM
Board of Governors Meeting Clubrooms Monday, March 12, 7:45 PM

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JOHN DALY NOMINATED BY COMMITTEE FOR OPC PRESIDENCY

Slate of Officers, Governors
Announced for Elections
on Thursday, April 26

JOHN DALY, American Broadcasting Company correspondent and commentator, this week was named candidate for President of the Overseas Press Club by the Nominating Committee. Chairman GERALDINE SARTAIN announced that DALY's name and those of 17 other OPC Members selected by the Committee February 26th would be placed in nomination at the Club's Annual Meeting.

President LOUIS P. LOCHNER this week said the Annual Meeting and Elections would be held at Toots Shor's Restaurant Thursday April 26, at 8 PM.

At its meeting Monday, the Nominations Committee also went on record as deeply regretting that President LOCHNER declined to run for a second term. The post was offered him by the Committee, Chairman SARTAIN said, and he was urged to accept. President LOCHNER, however, asked his name be withdrawn from consideration.

In addition to DALY, the following candidates were chosen by the Committee:

For Vice Presidents - - - - - WILLIAM P. GRAY, Associate Editor, Life
PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE, magazine writer, Carl Byoir & Associates
RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Associate Editor, Coronet

For Secretary-Treasurer - - - JOSEPH J. WURZEL, Picture Editor, Look

For the Board of Governors - - RUSSELL F. ANDERSON Editor, McGraw-Hill World News
LARRY BLOCHMAN, author
BERT BRANDT Acme Newspictures photographer
JOSEF DINE, Director, NBC Press Department (Cont'd on Page 3)

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 MATTHEW HUTTNER, magazine writer, co-publisher, Pyramid Books
 HAL LEHRMAN, writer and lecturer
 B. MATHIEU, staff writer, The New Yorker
 ELSIE McCORMICK, magazine writer

New nominations and voting procedures will be in effect this year, all Members are reminded. They are outlined in Article VIII of the recently-adopted OPC Constitution. Additional nominations for officers and governors, for instance, may be made by a petition initiated by an Active Member and signed by five other Active Members. These should be forwarded in writing to the Executive Secretary within ten days (or by March 12). Complete lists of candidates for all offices will be published in The Bulletin at least four weeks before the Annual Meeting.

No nominations for the Presidency may be made from the floor at this meeting, although previously-nominated candidates failing election to a particular office may be nominated for another post.

For the first time this year, OPC Members outside New York may vote in the Annual Elections. But requests for mail ballots must be received not less than two weeks before the Meeting, and completed ballots must be returned not less than 24 hours before the Meeting is held.

Further details of nomination, election and induction procedures may be found in Article VIII.

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Plugs for the OPC's book, "Inside Inside", appearing in Variety and Editor & Publisher... LARRY LESUEUR's sponsor, Richfield Oil, partyed him last week....The pageant staged here on Washington's Birthday by the Sons of the Revolution was based on NOLA LUXFORD's pageant idea which she produced in cooperation with the Armed Forces for Armed Forces Day in 1950.... MERRILL (Red) MUELLER, until recently London chief for the National Broadcasting Company, is now NBC commentator in San Francisco. Also, he's got a new morning commercial for NBC's western division...

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Executive editor A. WILFRED MAY of the Commercial and Financial Chronicle is conducting a forum series on "What U.S. Foreign Policy Now?" at the Harmonie Club of New York City. Participants include Joseph P. Kennedy, Harold E. Stassen and Herbert H. Lehman....Off on a three-week tour of 10 major spring training camps, with his base in St. Petersburg, Fla., is BRUCE JACOBS, editor of Sport Life magazine...

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FRANK R. SHEA arrived in Buenos Aires January 29 to succeed ROBERT NEVILLE as chief of the Time-Life bureau there. NEVILLE is now Luce correspondent in Hong Kong....When cartoonist Milton Caniff included mention of the OPC in one of his Steve Canyon strips recently, a Club letter thanked him for the plug. Writes OPC fan Caniff: "It was thoughtful of you to take time out to write me...and I hope you will express my gratitude and relay my good wishes to all"...WILLIAM L. SHIRER, radio commentator and author of the best-selling novel, "The Traitor", last week addressed the Book and Author Luncheon at the Hotel Astor...

American Magazine for March salutes NBC newsreel cameramen EUGENE and CHARLES JONES with a picture story in its "Interesting People" section... Just back from a quick "revolution" in Puerto Rico is STANLEY ROSS. His revolution consisted of reorganizing and redesigning El Diario de Puerto Rico in two and a half weeks, zooming circulation by 25 percent!....

THE SOAPBOX CIRCUIT: Popular West Coast lecturer is Founder Member MARY LAMAR KNIGHT, who's gripping audiences with her inside stuff on Chinese politics. (Her new book, "Red Blight", is scheduled for publication this year)...ARTHUR FLETCHER, UN information specialist for Technical Assistance, wound up a community series on "The Price of Peace" with a recent talk in Niagara Falls, N.Y...."Is Military Preparedness the Only Answer to Communist Aggression" was President LOUIS P. LOCHNER's lecture topic last week before a session of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, as guest of the University of Pennsylvania...The New York Times' RICHARD J. H. JOHNSTON under the Keedick aegis, spoke last week in Rochester, N.Y., and Portsmouth, Ohio. Upcoming dates will take him to Tulsa and Chicago. All this with a five-day week at the Times!...

BALLOTS FOR ANNUAL OPC AWARDS

...Five Candidates Nominated for Each
of Seven Special Classifications...

MAILED TO ALL OPC MEMBERS THIS WEEK

Ballots listing the names of 35 candidates for the seven 1951 Overseas Press Club Awards were mailed this week from Club Headquarters to the OPC's more than 750 Members both in the U.S. and abroad. Deadline for return of the marked sheets, for which envelopes were enclosed, is midnight Monday, March 26.

"In selecting the candidates, suggestions from all Club Members were invited through The Bulletin", said Chairman JOHN BARKHAM. "The opinion of foreign editors of major newspapers from coast to coast were solicited by letter. In addition, the final ballot also represents the judgment of the 12-member Awards Committee".

A new Award this year is a citation for "The best war reporting". Nominations for this distinction include Homer Bigart, New York Herald Tribune; HAL BOYLE, Associated Press; Marguerite Higgins, New York Herald Tribune; EDWARD R. MURROW, Columbia Broadcasting System; and Don Whitehead, AP. In addition to the six awards categories, which cover the fields of press, radio, television, interpretation and picture reporting, the coveted George Polk Memorial Award will be presented this year for the third time.

Polk Award nominees, cited for having demonstrated "courage, integrity and enterprise above and beyond the call of duty", are the late Frank Emery, International News Service; Harold Faber, New York Times; Marguerite Higgins; Frank Noel, AP; and the late Charles Rosencrans, International News Photos.

The Awards Committee also announced its decision that a candidate may receive only one Award; in the event one person is voted two Awards, the Committee will decide which should be presented.

A special Club function will be held, at a time and place to be announced, at which handsome engraved plaques will be presented winners of all Awards.

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GRANT PARR, formerly with the State Department's International Press and Publications Department and NBC, is en route via London, Paris, Rome and Cairo to be public affairs officer at the American Legation in Damascus. Wife and small son, too...The annual foreign affairs speech at Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., was delivered February 25 by CBS commentator LARRY LESUEUR....

Wedding bells rang February 24 for RALPH CONISTON of France-Presse and the former Elizabeth Keen of Philadelphia. Congratulations!! ... HOWARD WHITMAN's new book, "Terror in the Streets", was published this week by Dial Press. WHITMAN, alumnus of the Paris New York Herald Tribune and London Daily Express, writes of new psychopathic pattern of "crime against people" in boodlum-ridden American cities. Also, WHITMAN's latest Collier's article, which attacked New York City's police department, brought a vigorous denial by Police Commissioner Murphy...

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DOROTHY LINDNER OMANSKY will be advertising director of the new Women's Fair, a magazine slated for fall publication. It will be sold to customers in department stores. Plans call for an initial guaranteed circulation of 500,000...Ex-Police Gazette editor JEANE HOFFMAN off for three months in Europe March 2. She'll correspond for North American Newspaper Alliance and the New York Sunday Mirror. Husband Allan McIntosh, on whom she wrote the series, "Reverse Lend-Lease Bride" for INS in England in 1946, makes his first visit home since acquiring a Yankee accent...CORNELIUS J. RYAN is new associate editor at Collier's...

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Photographers honored with special groupings in the Museum of Modern Arts' exhibition of Korean war photos include MAX DESFOR of AP and DAVID DOUGLAS DUNCAN and CARL MYDANS, both of Life. The show, titled "Korea--the Impact of War", was organized by camera artist Edward Steichen...

OUR PRIZE-WINNING COLLEAGUES: At least four OPC Members were among those receiving Americanism awards from the Freedoms Foundation on Washington's Birthday. Third and fourth place prizes for editorials went to IVAN H. (CY) PETERMAN of the Philadelphia Inquirer and GLENN NEVILLE, New York Mirror, respectively, while GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY, King Features columnist, won fourth prize in the public address category. An honor medal was won by VICTOR LASKY. No complete list of winners, however, was available to The Bulletin...

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Proposed visit to the U.S. of Italian Prime Minister de Gasperi, Washington correspondents say, will be to ask - among other things -- for revision of Italy's peace treaty with the Allies. Document now holds down Italian Army strength to 185,000 men -- which de Gasperi thinks is too small a bulwark against possible Red aggression...Mrs. Ike Eisenhower is new sweetheart of American newsmen in Paris. Her charm and wit have transfixed them all...Perle Mesta will attract U.S. reporters to Luxembourg in July when she entertains Margaret Truman, according to the grapevine...

: THE OVERSEAS TICKER :

LONDON DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) --

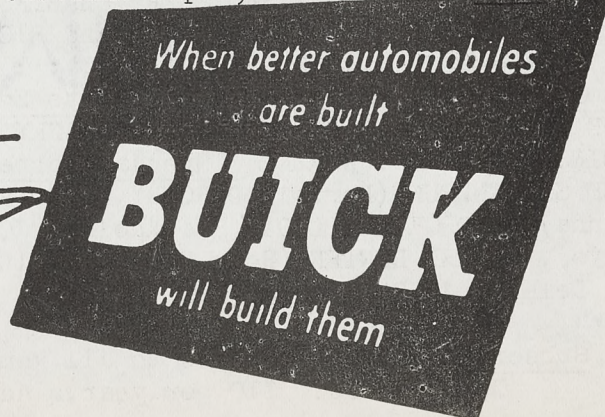
Latest to join the growing ranks of correspondents who have become fathers while abroad is WILLIAM MCGAFFIN of the Chicago Daily News, whose wife Jean recently pre-

sented him with an 8-pound-2-ounce son, Christopher Michael...James P. O'Donnell of the Statepost has just returned to his new home on the Riviera (a converted World War II block-house) after several weeks here on a special assignment...Eric Gibbs, Long-time correspondent and former chief of Time's London bureau, has been transferred to Frankfurt, from whence he will rove Europe covering the Western Defense buildup and Iron Curtain news...Upon Eric's departure, Time national affairs editor Tom Griffith is temporarily heading up the bureau while taking a close look at the British scene...

Recently returned from visits to the U.S.: Fred Tupper, public relations chief here for Pan-American Airways, and Charlies Kline of U.S. News and World Report. ...Recent in-transit visitor here was George Jones, former chief of Time's Rome bureau; George and wife Toni stopped in en route to New York and a short vacation, after which they'll return here to become permanent settlers as George is a new bureau member....

One brief day in London was all that Zig Harrison of the Associated Press had time for on his way to New York before taking a new assignment in New Delhi. Zig spent it all seeing AP's brand-new offices here and getting a fill-in from a couple of old India hands...The Association of American Correspondents in London played host recently to new U.S. Ambassador Walter Gifford at one of the association's largest luncheons...Off to different ski resorts in Austria on winter vacations: George (UP) and Caroline Pipal, and Cornell (Life) and Edith Capa.--(DAVE RICHARDSON.)

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RED TAPE STILL SNARLS PUBLIC RELATIONS
BUT EISENHOWER ON CORRESPONDENTS' SIDE,
PAST PRESIDENT CHAPLIN TELLS LISTENERS

Although Army public information officers are still wrapping public relations in festoons of red tape, General Eisenhower is determined to place no barriers in the way of European correspondents' doing

their job, according to Past President W.W. CHAPLIN, who addressed a capacity luncheon at Toots Shor's Restaurant last week on his observations as a reporter covering the Supreme Allied Commander's recent overseas inspection tour. Some 95 Members, guests and distinguished visitors attended the meeting.

Chief trouble with the tour, CHAPLIN said, was that Eisenhower's various hosts succeeded in isolating him from the people in each country. When the popular general arrived at Orly airfield in France, for instance, cordons of French police prevented photographers from recording the occasion of his first visit to Europe after World War II. So no pictures of the event were made. Eisenhower, however, let it be known that he would be on the Champs d'Elysees near the Arc de Triomphe the next day and would not "stand in the way of any man doing his job". Grateful lensmen took advantage of his offer.

Likewise, in Paris, newsmen with proper passes had to stand in line many times a day for special credentials admitting them to public information offices in the Astoria Hotel, temporary headquarters for the Eisenhower mission. Regardless of how often correspondents visited the hotel, the same procedure had to be followed, CHAPLIN said. "Somehow, pressure must be brought on the proper authorities", he recommended, "so that reporters can get the news and then get it out". French officials also complicated matters. When CHAPLIN attempted to reach Eisenhower with a tape recorder, for example, the instrument was "confiscated". "And when I protested", CHAPLIN added, "I, too, was confiscated".

While Ike in most countries was prevented from close contact with the people, the situation was different in Brussels. There Belgians hailed him vociferously, and established an honor watch about his hotel until he departed. In London, however, bobbies quietly kept potential rioters from approaching him, and in Paris absolute repression was practiced. In Rome the authorities permitted a Communist demonstration - but far from Eisenhower's hotel.

In conclusion, CHAPLIN related an anecdote that took place in Belgium. As Eisenhower, Ambassador Robert Murphy and the Belgian Interior Minister were posing for photographs, an American cameraman asked for a "three-way handshake". Ike retorted: "Not on your life; that's too corny!" And Murphy added with a laugh: "Why not ask him to stand on his head?"

"That could not happen", CHAPLIN said, "on the grim steps of the Kremlin. As long as that intimate relationship exists between our top government officials and newspapermen, we should have no fear for freedom of the press and freedom for ourselves." The book prize, "Lincoln and the Press", by ROBERT S. HARPER (McGraw-Hill Publishing Co.) was won by MAJ. WILLIAM ORMEROD.

GUEST BOOK: Among those at the head table were HENRY CASSIDY, NBC director of news and special events; H. V. KALTENBORN and West German Parliament members Erich Ollenhauer, August Euler and Dr. Gerhardt Ludkens...DAVID DARRAH, just back from France...In from South Carolina was Mrs. JAMES R. YOUNG of the Anderson Daily Mail...Guest of JEAN JAFFEE was international lawyer Bartley Crum...Other members on hand included JOHN GOETTE, TOM JOHNSON, LEO LANIA, RICHARD DE ROCHEMONT, WILLIAM A. BRUETTE, G.A.W. WYNNE (of B.O.A.C.), and NBC's LEON PEARSON...Also DON COE, special events director for ABC, GRACE CORSON, MARY HORNADAY and V-P RALPH JULES FRANTZ...The Herald Tribune's JOHN ELLIOTT...HORTENSE MacDONALD, DAVID PAGE, DANIEL VAN ACKER, PAUL MANNING and MAURICE CARRIE, General Secretary of the Foreign Press Association...Likewise, ALEX FAULKNER, CHARLES GILLETTE, T.H. MITCHELL, ADELE NATHAN, Treasurer JOSEPH J. WURZEL, GRANT PARR and RICHARD CHAPLIN.

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